

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Ali LAAYOUN et al.

Application No.: 09/736,151

Filed: December 15, 2000

For: PROCESS FOR LABELING A NUCLEIC ACID

Group Art Unit: 1637

Examiner: J. Tung

Docket No.: 104959

**NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Decision of the Primary Examiner dated August 8, 2003.

The \$330.00 Appeal Fee (\$165.00 Small Entity) is:

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 Not required (fee paid in prior appeal in this application with no Board Decision on the merits).

The shortened statutory period having expired November 8, 2003, it is hereby requested that the period for response be extended for 3 months. We previously paid for a two month extension of time in the amount of \$420.00. Therefore, included in our check is \$530.00 in payment of the fee for an additional 1 month extension of time for filing this Notice of Appeal.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this document are enclosed.

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